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SUBJ: US-SPANISH TALKS: PRESS COVERAGE OF SEVENTH ROUND

1. LEADING COMMENTATOR (LUIS APOSTUA) IN "YA" (INDEPENDENT) JULY 5, CITING RELIABLE AMERICAN SOURCE, STATES THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 21. IF ALL ANNEXES NOT READY BY THIS DATE THEN TWO SIDES WOULD "STOP THE CLOCK" OR AGREE ON INFORMAL EXTENSION. APOSTUA NOTES THAT US MAY SEEK SOME WAY OF GIVING MORE IMPORTANCE TO EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT THROUGH SOME LINKAGE WITH US CONGRESS. HE SPECULATES THAT STATIONED US FORCES IN SPAIN WILL BE REDUCED THROUGH "ELASTIC MUTUAL AGREEMENT". ACCORDING TO APOSTUA, CENTRAL THEME OF NEGOTIATIONS IS LIST OF ARMS SUBMITTED BY SPAIN TO US.

2. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORT DATED NEW YORK IN "YA" JULY 5, SPANISH LIST OF ARMS REQUESTED FROM US IN BILATERAL TALKS AMOUNTS TO ONE AND ONE-HALF BILLION DOLLARS. REPORTER CITES US OFFICIAL AS HAVING SAID IN MADRID THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENT CONCERNS "EUROPEAN DEFENSE" WHICH HE INTERPRETS AS A REITERATION OF US NEUTRALITY ON ISSUE OF SAHARA AND AS RESPONSE TO ISSUE OF "LIMITATION" OF USE OF BASES IN SPAIN IN EVENT OF  
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NEW HOSTILITIES IN MIDDLE EAST. US OFFICIAL IS REPORTED AS

SAYING THAT GOS HAS ABANDONED ITS EFFORT TO OBTAIN A MUTUAL  
DEFENSE TREATY WITH US.

3. FRONT-PAGE COMMENTARY IN "ARRIBA" (NATIONAL MOVEMENT)  
JULY 5 COMMENTS WRYLY ON AMB MCCLOSKEY'S HOLDING "OFF-THE-  
RECORD" INTERVIEW JULY 4 ONLY WITH US PRESS REPS. EDITORIAL  
WRITER (PEDRO RODRIGUEZ) ALLEGES THAT PARTICIPANT HEARD AMB  
MCCLOSKEY SAY THAT "WE ARE COMING UP AGAINST A WALL". RODRIQUEZ  
SPECULATES THAT IT IS QUESTION OF CLOSURE "OF ONE OR TWO  
BASES", BUT THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED BEFORE SEPTEMBER  
26, ALBEIT WITHOUT ANY CLAUSE  
GUARANTEEING SPANISH SECURITY.  
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